2. Supply of scarce raw materials to Small Scale Industries

3. Supply of machinery required by Small Scale Industries on hire purchase basis ;

4. Assist the Small Scale Industries in marketing their products ;

5. Sanctioning seed money/margin money to Small Scale Industries for hire purchase of machinery and dissemination of information, etc.,

Failed Borewells in Malnad Area

438. SRI KADIDAL DIVAKAR (Thirthahalli).—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the borewells dug in Thirthahalli and at other places of Malnad areas have become unsuccessful ;

(b) whether Government would take action to dig open wells for supplying drinking water since the borewells have failed to yield water in these areas ;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the wells in these areas get dried during the months of April and May ;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the wells dug during the last 3-4 years in these areas have collapsed ; if so, whether the said wells would be repaired ?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development & Panchayat Raj).—

(*a*) It has come to the notice of the Government that only few borewells have failed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) It has come to the notice of the Government that 3 wells have collapsed due to heavy rains in Thirthahalli taluk. Action would be taken to dig new wells in this area where drinking water wells have collapsed.

Papers laid on the Table

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಎಚ್. ಪಟೇಲ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ನಾನು ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ೩೧೨ರ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಒಂದು ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ೪-೫ ದಿವಸಗಳಾಯಿತು ಹುಡುಗರು ದೊರಗಡೆ ಉಪವಾಸ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಹಾಫ್-ಎ-ಮಿಲಿಯನ್ ಜಾಬ್ ಸ್ಕೀಮಿನಲ್ಲಿ ೫ಲವರಿಗೆ ಕೆಲಸ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿತು. ಆನಂತರ ಅವರನ್ನು ಕೆಲಸದಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಕೆಲಸ ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ೬ ತಿಂಗಳಾಯಿತು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಕಾಲಿಂಗ್ ಅಟೆನ್‌ಷನ್ ನೋಟೀಸ್ ಆದಮೇಲೆ ತಾವು ಆ ವಿಷಯ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಮಾಡಿ. Now, I request the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Forest to lay the papers.

SRI G. RAME GOWDA.—Sir, I beg to lay on the table of the House.

"Sixth Annual Report of the Karnataka Forest Planatation Corporation Limited for the year 1976-77."
under section 619A (3) of the Companies Act, 1956.

MR. SPEAKER.—The Paper is laid.

Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

re :— non avaiability of text books for primary and high schools.

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ರಾಮದೇವ್ (ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ).—ಈ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೈಮರಿ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ಹಿಡಿದು ಪ್ರೌಢ ಶಾಲೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಕಲಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಇನ್ನೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಲ್ಲದಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಲವು ಪಠ್ಯಪುಸ್ತಕಗಳು ಇನ್ನೂ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗದಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಪಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ತೊಂದರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬವಣೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ವಿದ್ಯಾಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SRI S. SUBBAIAH SHETTY (Minister for Education).—Sir, I beg to make the following Statement :—

The Directorate of Text Books had to publish 450 titles this year. Some of these had to be published in various languages like Telugu, Hindi, Urdu, Marathi and Tamil. Out of 450 titles, 245 titles were already available in sufficient numbers and therefore these were not required to be printed The sufficiency of copies in these 245 titles has been reckoned on the basis of annual requirements arrived on considering the average annual sales of the copies.

Therefore, the balance of 204 titles were taken up for printing this year. These 205 titles are classified under two categories viz., 85 reprints and 120 new books. Out of the 85 reprints, 75 have already been published leaving a balance of ten yet to be published. These 75 reprin s are available in the market. Though ten reprints are yet to be published, old copies of these books are available in some quantities in the market.

Out of 120 new Books which were required to be printed, 90 have already been published. All these books are already in the market and the remaining ones are in various stages of transit 30 titles of the new books are yet to be published. It will thus be seen that out of the total of 205 titles for printing (both reprints and new books), 165 have already been published and, out of these about 150 titles of